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1. Fritz Selbmann, Minister for Smelting and Ore Mining, stated on 22 August 1952 that the East German capacity to produce structural steel in 1953 would be 120,000 tons. This total does not include production by SAG plants. His statement came in reply to the assertion of (fnu) Ringel of EKO Fuerstenberg that the DDR capacity would be only [illegible] tons.

2. Structural steel is produced by structural steel factories, SAG plants and a number of private industries. The large factories, such as the Leipzig, Berlin, Brandenburg, Elbe Magdeburg, Mannesmann Leipzig, SBS Dresden and Mosenthin Leipzig alone have a capacity of 1,000 tons monthly.[1] The small and middle-size firms can produce, on the average, 500 tons a month. Capacity is still greater if firms which are not only construction steel producers, such as Bleichert, Unruh and Liebig, Stahlwerk Riesa, are included.

3. Ringel had set 34,000 tons as the amount of structural steel which would be needed in 1953; Selbmann stated that the actual need for 1953 amounted to 31,700 tons, of which the steel plant at Fürstenberg needed 15,000 tons and the rolling mill 5,000.

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1. [redacted] Comment: Mosenthin is Franz Mosenthin, Leipzig, Zschornauerstr. 74-76, a private construction steel firm. SBS and Mannesmann are VEBs: Saechsischer Bruecken- und Stahlhochbau, Dresden-Niedersedlitz, Otto-Kauffmann-Strasse 20 and Stahlbau vorm. Mannesmann, Leipzig, Riesaerstrasse 74. Berlin is probably VEB Berliner Stahlbau, Berlin-Lichtenberg, Herzbergstrasse 140. Leipzig is either VEB Eisenbau Leipzig, Dortmunderstrasse 20, or VEB Leipziger Stahlbau und Verzinkerei, Spinnereistrasse 11-13. It is not clear which factories are Brandenburg and [redacted]

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